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Thomas Drolet, *et al.*) Art Unit: 2166
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EXCHANGE PLATFORM)

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the attached International Search Report dated July 9, 2002 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a counterpart International application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication. The documents cited in the International Search Report were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 filed June 14, 2002.

This information disclosure statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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Respectfully submitted,

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